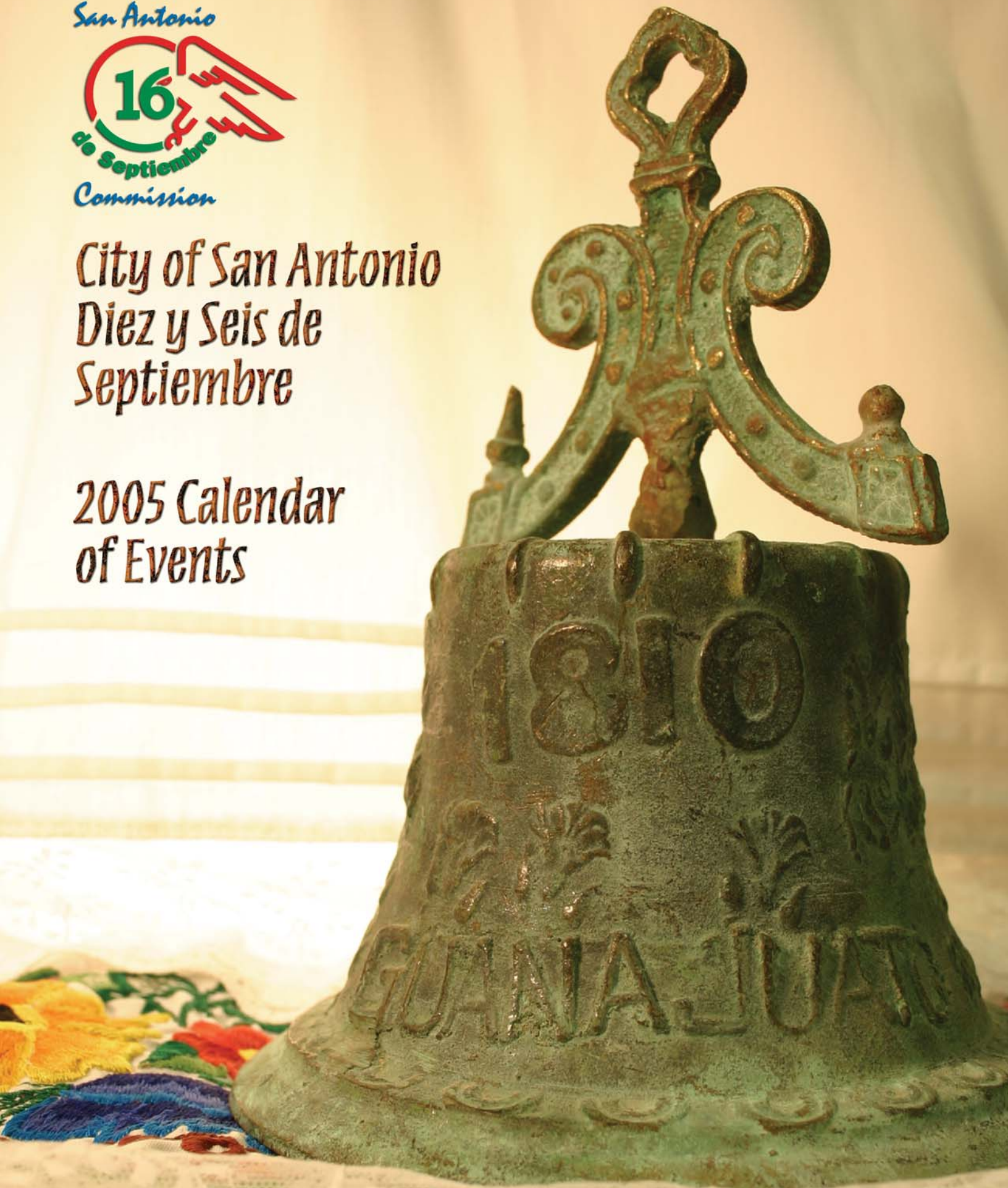


San Antonio



*City of San Antonio
Diez y Seis de
Septiembre*

*2005 Calendar
of Events*



Wednesday, August 31

Diez y Seis de Septiembre News Conference

Spanish Governor's Palace,
105 Plaza de Armas.

Join the Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission as it officially kicks off this year's Mexican Independence festivities. 9:00 a.m. 207-7235

Thursday, Sept. 1

Diez y Seis de Septiembre Proclamation
City Council Chamber, Municipal Plaza Bldg., 114 W. Commerce. Mayor Phil Hardberger will issue a proclamation declaring the official beginning of the Diez y Seis de Septiembre festivities. 5:00 p.m. 207-7235

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Diez y Seis Scholarship Awards Reception
City Council Chamber, 114 W. Commerce. The Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission awards scholarships to deserving local students. Emcee: Mike Pesina, KVDA, Channel 60 Meteorologist. Invocation: Father Jake Empereur from San Fernando Cathedral. Entertainment: UTSA Mariachi. 6:00 p.m. 828-2367 or 521-9121

Saturday, Sept. 10

Guadalupe Street Parade

Starting at 11 a.m., watch floats as they make their way along a 1.7 mile route through the heart of San Antonio's West Side, ending at the Texas Diabetes Institute on S. Zarzamora. Parade televised nationally on Telemundo (KVDA-TV 60). Grand Marshal: Jesse James Leija; Honorary Grand Marshal: Mauricio Islas. 223-3151. www.agatx.org

Calle Guadalupe Festival

Plaza Guadalupe, 1327 Guadalupe St. Music, entertainment, food and fun. Free admission. Music lineup: Divas de la Kumbia, Sonrisas, Conjunto Cruz, Group RAYO, Los Hermanos Jimenez, and Pochi-Mex. 10 a.m. to midnight. 223-3151. www.agatx.org

Sunday, Sept. 11

16 de Septiembre Mass
San Fernando Cathedral, 111 Soledad.
8:00 a.m. Reception to follow.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Senior Kermes

Convention Center, Ballroom A. For seniors registered at City nutrition centers: a dance, mariachis and food. Contests and awards to follow for best regional costumes and table decorating. Health screenings will be available. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 207-7172

Thursday, Sept. 15

El Grito: Anniversary of Mexico's Independence
Municipal Auditorium, 100 Auditorium Circle. Free admission. 7 p.m. 227-0130, ext. 12

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16 - 18

Fiestas Patrias

Market Square, 514 W. Commerce. The Ladies LULAC Council 648 will sponsor three days of fun, entertainment, and food booths to satisfy everybody's taste. Free entertainment and admission. Proceeds will fund scholarships to college-bound students. Friday: 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday: Noon - 11:30 p.m.; and Sunday: Noon - 10:30 p.m. 207-8600



Friday, Sept. 16

Civic Ceremony

HemisFair Park, Plaza Mexico, 600 HemisFair Way. Commemoration of the main figure of the Mexican Independence, Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla. 10 a.m. 227-0130, ext. 12

Friday, Sept. 16

Fiestas Patrias en la Avenida Guadalupe
Diez y Seis Gala
The Westin Riverwalk, 420 Market Street, Navarro Ballroom.



Reception: 6 p.m.; Dinner/Program: 7 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: State Rep. Michael Villarreal, District 123. Ernie Award: Individual-Roger T. Carrillo, AIA; Business-Bank of America, Memorial Funeral Home; Civic-Trinity Baptist Church; Centennial Award-HEB; Lifetime Achievement-Isabel Sanchez. By ticket only. 223-3151 or www.agatx.org

Saturday, Sept. 17

Festival de Los Niños

Farmers Market, Market Square, 514 W. Commerce. Noon - 4 p.m. Mexican cultural activities and musical entertainment for the whole family along with prizes and giveaways sponsored by Wal-Mart. San Antonio Police Department and Christus Santa Rosa will be on site along with mascots such as McGruff. Free and open to all children and families. 849-4018

Mariachi Concert

Market Square, 514 W. Commerce, Mariachi Stage. Noon - 11 p.m. Concert featuring local middle schools, high schools, college and professional mariachi groups and Ballet Folkorico Dancers. College groups include UTSA, Our Lady of the Lake, Palo Alto, and Texas State University. Finale by Campanas de America and Mariachi del Pueblo. Emcee: Juan Solis III, former City Councilman. 260-1445



Hispanic Heritage Month at your public library

(Please check with your local library for dates and times or call 207-2500)

Central Library, Exhibit Art Gallery
October 5 through October 30, facsimiles of art by Miguel Covarrubias, Mexican artist • Sponsored by Humanities Texas.

Miguel Covarrubias (1904-1957) was an artist, an anthropologist, a writer, an educator, an archeologist, and an artistic director of dance at Mexico's National Palace of Fine Arts. He was a famous and successful caricaturist for The New Yorker, Vanity Fair, and Vogue, although today his name is not widely recognized. Humanities Texas brings us this exhibit of facsimile works drawn from the range of genres in which Covarrubias worked. Visit the Central Library Art Gallery from October 5 - 30 to learn about the timeless art of Miguel Covarrubias.

S.A.P.L. Children's Activity - "Codex Biblioteca"

Color a design taken from the Aztec calendar to represent your branch library. The pictures will be displayed at Central Library Children's Dept. to form a giant "Codex". Check with your branch for dates & times.

S.A.P.L. Children's Activity - "Paper Portraits"

Picture yourself as a Spanish señorita or a dashing caballero. Color our design & we'll take a digital snapshot of you to create a freestanding portrait in festive attire. Space is limited, so please register at your branch.

Teen Hispanic Heritage Activities

Sugar Skull Decorating, Papel Picado, Book Clubs and more!
Check with your branch for times and dates.

2005 Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission

Roger O. Flores, Honorary Chairman
City Councilman, District 1

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Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and the Grito de Dolores

Just as George Washington is considered the father of the United States, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla is known as the man who directed Mexico to independence.

At the time of Hidalgo's birth, Mexico was known as New Spain. In his adult years, Hidalgo was highly critical of the ruling Spanish government's treatment of the indigenous and mestizo people. In addition, there was widespread hunger and disease.

Hidalgo acquired many allies among the intelligentsia and lower middle classes. Spurred in part by the success of the U.S. colonists, the movement to overthrow the

Spanish government was underway. The Mexican patriots were fine-tuning details for their outbreak, including escape routes to Bejar and Nacogdoches, when they were discovered by the Spanish authorities.

On the morning of September 16, 1810, Hidalgo and his compatriots took up arms and imprisoned Spanish officials in the town of Dolores, Guanajuato. Hidalgo then urged the townspeople to rally to the Mexican cause. His exhortation of freedom and justice is known as the Grito de Dolores and is the watershed event in Mexican history. Town after town fell into the revolutionaries' control, but it would be ten years before Mexican independence would be achieved.

The crown was able to repel, at high cost, the subsequent thrusts by Hidalgo. In Saltillo, Coahuila, the Viceroy offered Hidalgo a pardon if he would cease and

desist from his revolutionary actions. Hidalgo replied, "El indulto es para los criminales no para los defensores de la patria," or "Pardons are for criminals, not for defenders of the motherland." He eventually was captured in Monclova, Coahuila, and put to death on July 30, 1811.

Hidalgo's actions were not in vain, however, as other Mexican patriots such as first president, José María Morelos, and Ignacio López Rayon were successful in their fight against the Spanish crown.

Today, the Grito de Dolores symbolizes Mexico's pursuit of truth and justice which Hidalgo spawned.

By Roberto A. Vázquez and based on Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, published by the Instituto Nacional de Estudios Historicos de la Revolucion Mexicana



SAN ANTONIO LIBRARY EVENTS



Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and open to the public

Call First!

We urge you to call your library before heading out for a special program. Cancellations do occasionally occur.

Thursday, September 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Central - 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Every Thursday night in the Central Auditorium enjoy a free dance class. This month, dance lessons focus on the Cha Cha. Wear leather-soled shoes. (AA)

Saturday, September 3, 10, 17 and 24

Bazan - 12 noon - Clases de Guitarra en Espanol con el Sr. Mendes. (AA)

Tuesday, September 6

Las Palmas - 7 p.m. - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: Stories in Mexico.

San Pedro - 10 a.m. - De Colores stories. (CA)

Wednesday, September 7, 14, 21 and 28

Bazan - 5:30 p.m. - Dance Therapy: Dance Your Depression Away! Latin dancing with Jorge Alonzo Perez. (please wear leather-soled shoes).

Saturday, September 10

Bazan - 12 noon - Fiestas Patrias en la Avenida Guadalupe Diez y Seis Parade! Check out the Bazan branch float in this annual celebration. (FA)

McCreless - 3 p.m. - Snackin' with Books Teen Book Club: Buried Onions by Gary Soto. Growing up in the barrio isn't easy for everyone. Eddie is torn between avenging his family's murders or going on the straight and narrow. Join the discussion and snack on French's Fried Onions. (TA)

Monday, September 12

Forest Hills - 2 p.m. - Tejano Book Club. (AA)

Guerra - 6:30 p.m. - Lotería Night. (FA)

AA - ADULT ACTIVITY
CA - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
FA - FAMILY ACTIVITY
TA - TEEN ACTIVITY

Saturday, September 17

Cody - 10 a.m. - La Tertulia Spanish Book Club (AA)

Memorial - 10 a.m. - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage! Join us for traditional Hispanic crafts. (Ages 7-12)

Tuesday, September 20

Carver - Hispanic Heritage Theme: Infant Lapsit - 9:30 a.m.; Preschool - 10 a.m.

Johnston - 10 a.m. - Hispanic Heritage: Preschool Story. (CA)

Wednesday, September 21

Carver - 10 - 11 a.m. - Hort to Heart: A look at plants that relate to the needs and customs of Hispanic Americans. (AA)

Johnston - 10 a.m. - Hispanic Heritage: Preschool Story. (CA)

Landa - 10:30 a.m. - Day and Night: Celebrate the Equinox Mayan style with Kukulkan Serpent Craft. Also at 11:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (CA)

Westfall - 10:30 p.m. - Latin America stories. (CA)

Thursday, September 22

Central - 6:30 p.m. - Teen Papel Picado Craft: Learn to make papel picado. Make one to decorate Youth(wired) and one to take home. (TA)

San Pedro - 10 a.m. - Ojos de Dios craft. (CA)

Saturday, September 24

Collins Garden - 2 p.m. - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. (CA)

Memorial - 1 p.m. - Memorial Library Amigos: ¡Celebrar! Experience authentic hispanic culture with aguas frescas, activities and poetry readings.

Tuesday, September 27

McCreless - 10 a.m. - Hispanic Heritage Stories. (CA)

Saturday, October 1

Carver - 3:30 p.m. - Flamenco & Ballet Folklorico! Performance by Teresa Champion Dance Academy (AA)

Monday, October 3

Central - 6:30 p.m. - Teen Loteria Night: Improve your vocabulario and play to win goofy prizes. (TA)

Collins Garden - 7 p.m. - Hispanic

Program: One-man comedy Tortilla Heaven. Jade Esteban plays seven characters! (FA)

Thursday, October 6

Carver - 3:30 p.m. - Traditional Mexican Crafts: papel picado and Ojo de Dios for the whole family. (FA)

Thursday, October 6, 13, 20 and 27

Central - 6 - 7: 30 p.m. - Every Thursday night in the Central Auditorium enjoy a free dance class. Lessons in October focus on Tejano, Ranchero and Cumbia. Wear leather-soled shoes. (AA)

Saturday, October 8

Collins Garden - 2 p.m. - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: Arts & Craft. (FA)

Cortez - 2 p.m. - Hispanic Heritage: Readers' Theater presentation of Mexican folktales. (FA)

Sunday, October 9

Great Northwest - 2 p.m. - Hispanic Program: The Story and Poetry of Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz, one of the greatest poets of the world who was censored for 400 years because she was a woman. Presented in English and Spanish. (AA)

Tuesday, October 11

Thousand Oaks - Book Club: Isabel Allende's The House of Spirits. (AA)

Saturday, October 22

Great Northwest - 2 p.m. - YA Bookclub: Popcorn, soda, and a craft while we discuss this month's book, Sandra Cisneros' House on Mango Street. Craft: Sugar Skulls decorating. (TA)

Central	600 Soledad	207-2500
Bazan	2200 W. Commerce	225-1614
Carver	3350 E. Commerce	225-7801
Cody	11441 Vance Jackson	696-6396
Collins	200 N. Park	225-0331
Cortez	2803 Hunter	922-7372
Forest Hills	5245 Ingram Rd.	431-2544
Great Northwest	905 Wellwood	684-5251
Guerra	7978 Military Dr. West	673-1492
Johnston	6307 Sun Valley	674-8410
Landa	233 Bushnell	732-8369
Las Palmas	515 Castroville Rd.	434-6394
McCreless	1023 Ada St.	532-4254
Memorial	3222 Culebra	432-6783
San Pedro	1315 San Pedro	733-1454
Thousand Oaks	4618 Thousand Oaks	657-5205
Westfall	6111 Rosedale Ct.	344-2373

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH